

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation adds employees of the Department of Labor to the section of code concerning assault or battery on public employees. Current law lists specific types of employees while omitting others engaged in similar work. The Department of Labor's tax representatives, claims investigators and local office consultants face challenges similar to those faced by the currently listed workers as they attempt to collect unpaid employer unemployment insurance taxes, recover benefit overpayments from workers and assist people under increasing stress because of the extended recession. The proposed legislation adds Department of Labor personnel to this list. Local prosecutors retain the discretion as to when this section of code is applied and if the enhanced penalties are merited.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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